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International Merchandise Return Service Agreements  
With Foreign Postal Operators  
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CHAIRMAN'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 1

(Issued July 16, 2015)

To clarify issues raised by the Postal Service's request to add Competitive International Merchandise Return Service Agreements with Foreign Postal Operators (IMRS-FPO) to the competitive products list,<sup>1</sup> the Postal Service is requested to provide written responses to the following questions. Answers to each question should be provided as soon as they are developed, but no later than July 21, 2015.

1. In its Request, the Postal Service attached a public copy of the model agreement for IMRS-FPO. Request, Attachment 5. In pertinent part, Article 3 of the model agreement states that:

"The Parties agree that this Agreement shall come into effect  
(1) after all such approvals have been obtained by USPS  
and (2) (3) after notification to [Post Name] by USPS that all

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<sup>1</sup> Request of the United States Postal Service to Add Competitive International Merchandise Return Service Agreements with Foreign Postal Operators (IMRS-FPO) Product to the Competitive Products List and Notice of Filing IMRS-FPO Model Agreement and Application for Non-Public Treatment of Materials Filed Under Seal, July 10, 2015 (Request).

required approvals have been obtained, and the date of notification shall be 'the Effective Date,' unless an alternative date is proposed in the USPS's notification. . . ."

*Id.* at 2. Please explain whether the "(3)" in the above quoted text is extraneous or whether a clause is missing from the model agreement. In either case, the Postal Service should provide a revised Article 3 with its response.

2. In its Request, the Postal Service states that it "anticipates that it will file updated rate ranges on an annual basis." Request at 5. Please explain:
  - a. under what circumstances, if any, the Postal Service would not file updated rate ranges on an annual basis; and
  - b. under what timetable the Postal Service anticipates filing updated rate ranges with the Commission each year.

By the Acting Chairman.

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